

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDR) ORDER R5-2010-0090

(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078590) AND

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2010-0091

for

CITY OF AUBURN

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

PLACER COUNTY

The City of Auburn (Discharger) owns and operates the City of Auburn Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) which provides sewerage service for the City of Auburn in Placer County. The Facility is designed to treat an average dry weather flow of 1.67 million gallons per day of municipal wastewater. Tertiary treated wastewater is discharged to Auburn Ravine, which is tributary to East Side Canal, Natomas Cross Canal, and the Sacramento River.

On 22 September 2010, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted WDR Order R5-2010-0090, prescribing final aluminum effluent limitations based on USEPA's recommended National Ambient Water Quality Criteria. USEPA advises, however, that a site-specific "water effects ratio" for aluminum in the receiving water is appropriate to better reflect the actual toxicity of aluminum to aquatic organisms. On 16 November 2010 the Discharger submitted a WER Study for aluminum in accordance with USEPA guidance. The WER Study indicates that a water effect ratio greater than 12.4 is applicable to the acute and chronic water quality objectives for protection of aquatic life in the receiving water. As a result, the Tentative Order amends WDR Order R5-2010-0090 to contain a final annual average aluminum effluent limitation of 200 ug/L, based on the Department of Public Health's Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level for protection of human health, which is concurrently protective of the aquatic life beneficial use. The Tentative Order also amends Cease and Desist Order R5-2010-0091 to remove the compliance schedule for aluminum.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 2/3/4 February 2011

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing include City of Auburn representatives.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for

purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **3 January 2011**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The Tentative Order was issued on **29 November 2010**. Persons wishing to comment on the noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **3 January 2011**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **3 January 2011** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.


All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the Tentative Order should contact Gayleen Perreira at (916) 464-4824 or gperreira@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.


KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

29 November 2010